



## NEVADA STATE JOURNAL

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### EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE.

The statements of the Treasury Department show that the foreign commerce of the United States for the first ten months of the current year compares with that of the first ten months of 1896 as follows:

1896. 1897.

Exports .... \$79,578,476 \$85,080,691

Imports .... 57,255,808 63,734,259

There is an increase in the value of exports this year, which is mainly due to the advance in the price of wheat, but the imports exceed those of last year notwithstanding the increase in tariff schedules. In 1896 the exports of breadstuffs were about equal in tonnage to those of the present year, but the value of those exports in dollars was much less last year. The exports and imports of gold for the last ten months and the corresponding period in 1896 were as follows:

1896. 1897.

Imports .... \$92,849,939 \$24,413,529

Exports .... 57,218,014 32,900,249

The exports and imports of gold in 1896 were greatly in excess of those of the present year, but the amount of gold in the Treasury this year is greater than it was last year, though the available cash in the Treasury is less now by several millions than it was a year ago.

The exports of silver for the ten months of 1896 were \$51,269,880,

and for the first ten months of the current year \$47,572,686. The low price of silver this year, the average being about 56 cents an ounce, reduced the value of the export materially.

If silver had been worth its coinage value Europe would have to pay twice as much and the silver producing States would be better off and the whole country more prosperous. Why any party in this country should do all in its power to depress the price of silver, of which we produce more than any other nation, is beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals and even those who advocate that policy can give no rational explanation for doing so. What would be thought of a political party that would attempt by legislation to reduce the price of wheat in the interest of Europe, yet that is what the Republicans are doing with silver, though the metal is an American product fully as much as wheat, and one is as much entitled to consideration as the other. Surely the miners deserve well of the Government and should not be discriminated against by a great political party for the benefit of European bondholders and money lenders and their agents in the United States.

### PROBABLY NO FINANCIAL LEGISLATION.

Reports from Washington indicate that there may be no financial legislation whatever attempted at the ensuing session of Congress. The free silver men are determined to prevent, if possible, the passage of an act retiring greenbacks and making all Government obligations payable in gold. These obligations are now redeemable in coin, that is in gold or standard dollars at the option of the Government, and legislation to make them redeemable in gold exclusively would be unpopular with the masses of the people, though the money trust would give millions to have it accomplished. The Republicans knowing that it would be unjust to make all obligations payable in gold, and that the people would resent it, do not think it wise to make the attempt.

These bills will be introduced to restrain trusts by restricting their powers there is no doubt, but it is not probable that any of them will become laws. The sugar, oil and many other trusts have their agents in Congress, and that they will combine their forces to defeat objectionable measures there is no doubt.

There will probably be less extravagance in appropriations than at the last session, as the expenditures are far in excess of the revenues, and Chairman Cannon of the Appropriations Committee in the House of Representatives says he will do all in his power to reduce expenses. A new Congress will be elected next year and the House will be on its good behavior, for the leaders fear that the people next November will take the reins in their own hands and defeat the Republicans if they issue more bonds or attempt to displace greenbacks, which draw no interest from the Government, with bank notes, based on interest-bearing bonds.

It is now estimated that over 400,000 innocent people have suffered death from starvation and disease directly attributable to the war in Cuba and these figures do not include those killed in battle or the thousands of women and children who have died in the swamps. Just think of this awful sacrifice of human beings and all within a few hours travel of the United States, yet the President and Cabinet will fool away time on doubtful proposition of affording relief to the Klondike sufferers.

The police authorities in an Eastern city stopped the proposed marriage of a couple of fools, who had arranged to have the ceremony performed in a den of lions. The police should be censured. It was an interference with the right of voluntary idiots to be chewed up by indignant animals.—Record-Union.

### TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

The gold output of the Cripple Creek district for November was \$1,255,000, the largest in one month in the history of the camp.

Chief Hazen of the Secret Service has apprehended and arrested Frank Holland and Mary Mahoney of Chicago for counterfeiting five and ten-dollar notes.

Senator Hanna was worse yesterday. His physicians announce that he is suffering from a severe headache and will not be able to go to Washington at present.

Martin Thorn, the condemned murderer, has confessed to the murder of Wm. Guldensuppe and says that he would make up his mind to meet the worst. His lawyer denies that he has confessed.

Colonel W. D. Shipley of Florida died at Washington yesterday after an operation for Carbuncle. He was about 60 years of age and was noted in mercantile and transportation circles in Florida.

The Grand Jury at Kansas City will consider the charges against the officers of the defunct Missouri National Bank. The bank failed with a million and a half of deposits, on November 30, 1896.

Charles Warren, ex-President of the Globe Savings Bank, was sentenced at Chicago yesterday to an indefinite term in the penitentiary. He was charged with embezzling funds of the University of Illinois.

Mr. S. H. Clark, one of the receivers of the Union Pacific, announced yesterday that he had been offered the Presidency of that company by the Reorganization Committee, but owing to poor health has refused the position.

The Interstate Commerce Commission opened the hearing for the railroads, which have petitioned for an extension of time, in which they may comply with the law of 1893, requiring the equipment of cars and engines with automatic car couplers.

H. Harris, a hatter in San Francisco, was hurled from a train near San Rafael and in falling his right foot was caught by a wheel and completely skinned and badly crushed. He laid at the side of the track all night, part of the time in an unconscious condition. His recovery is doubtful.

### THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

His Curious Experience in a House With Breaking Stairs.

"You know how the stairs puff up," said the retired burglar, "after you stop using 'em nights? You crowd 'em down close together, solid, treadin' on 'em all day long, and then when you let up on 'em the fibers of the wood lift up again, and the stairs seem to swell. You know how they break sometimes and snap a little when you go down 'em first in the morning and some of the steps yield a little under the tread? That's them settling down into place again."

"I love to hear 'em in the morning. It seems kind of like the stairs walking up and speaking to you as you go along down. But I don't like to hear 'em at night. And at the time I go about they've had a chance to do considerable pulling, and no matter how well footed a man may be he can't lessen his weight very well, and so I learned early to tread near the wall or near the banisters going up stairs, and not on the bow in the middle. The creak, or the little soft snapping, that sounds so pleasant in the morning and that nobody wouldn't notice then, sounds mighty loud at night, when everything is still. If anybody was awake, you know, you could hear it from one end of the house to the other. To be sure, it might not alarm anybody, because there's other sounds in a house at night—snails that just make themselves, deer, I suppose, to change in temperature. Deards swell and shrink and shift a little, and you might hear a little sum somewhere in the house any time of night. But I always hated to hear the stairs creak when I was going up 'em, all the same, because I always thought that as likely as not it would wake up somebody, and that I should find somebody sitting up in bed looking for me when I looked into the door of a room, and, as a matter of fact, that did sometimes happen."

"I looked one night, after a wretched pair of stairs, into half lighted room where I saw a man, sitting up in bed, over on the other side of the room, and looking plumb at the door that I was standing in. As I told you, I was always on the lookout for just this thing, but this man surprised me for all that. He sat there in bed all keyed-up, and looking square at me. I could see him perfectly plain, and I knew he could see me just as plain, and I expected every minute he'd find his voice and begin holler."

"But instead of that he threw the clothes back off his legs and swung his legs around out of bed and stood up. He put his right hand out to locate a chair that stood by the head of the bed, and then he started for the door, hands out a little on each side of him, and feeling out a little on both sides and sort of ahead of him as he came along."

"Humph! Blind. He'd heard the noise and was going to look for it. I might have stood there and slugged him easy as he went by, but I didn't want no rattle with a blind man. I just went out and left him there looking."—New York Sun.

### For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children when teething. It cures diarrhea and broken rest of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth and at once gets a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately.

Depend upon it mothers there is mistake about it. It cures diarrhea regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the gums, reduces Inflammation and gives Tonic and Energy to the whole system. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething is pleasant to the taste and the medicine of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

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GRANNIS—GREENER—In Reno, December 1, 1897, by the Rev. F. C. Lee, William M. Grannis of Lovelock to Mary L. Grether of Reno.

MARRIED.

DIED.

HOLLI-GSWORTH—in Reno, December 1, 1897. W. J. Hollingsworth, a native of Indiana, aged 61 years 8 months 10 days.

## CHRISTMAS AND WINTER GOODS.

### JOHN SUNDERLAND'S

### MAMMOTH DEPARTMENT STORE.

VIRGINIA STREET, RENO, NEVADA.

### Men and Boy's Clothing.

Men's Ulsters from \$5 to \$15

Black Cheviot Suits @ \$5

Plaid and Chek " \$6 to \$10

Chincilla Pea Jackets and vests @ 7 50

### MENS UNDERWEAR

Fleeced lined from

Vicuna Suits @ 2 50

Egyptian ribbed suits "

Men's Fine Underwear Department

Boys' Ulsters @ \$4 to \$10

Suits, three pieces Junior " 3

100 double breasted boy's suits " \$1 25

Childs cape Overcoats " 2 50

Reefers " \$4 4 1/2 5 00

All Wool Sweaters from \$1 50 to 5 50

Neckwear, Cravats,

Ties.

Hats.

Caps

Men's Fine Overcoats from \$12 to 25.

Men's suits made to order from \$18 to 25. Good fit guaranteed.

### Fine line of men's McIntoshes from \$4 to 12,

Ladies' and children's Alaska Seal Laced shoes.

Full line of Laird, Schreiber & Co.'s. Fine Shoes.

Rubbers in all Styles. Children's School shoes.

Men's heavy walking shoes, boys school shoes, boy's boots.

Rubber and Gum boots for men and boy's

### Holiday Goods

Are being shown in our cases. Dainty toilet articles in the most useful materials, made in the best manner. We make a specialty of cut glass bottles filled with dainty perfumes. Lowest prices at



STATE LAND OFFICE

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

CARSON CITY, Nev., November 30, 1897.

**N**O TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE State of Nevada, under the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1890 (31 Stats. 297), has been filed in the United States Land Office in Carson City, Nevada, List No. 290 of land selected under state and federal laws, consisting of 100 acres of land, located in the United States Land Office in Carson City, Nevada, for report to the General Land Office at Washington, D. C.

The following are the sub-divisions described:

N.W. 1/4 of N.W. Sec. 15, T. 23 N. R. 18 E., M. D. B. & M.—40 acres.

A. C. PRATT,  
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## BREVITIES.

Evan Williams was a west-bound passenger last evening.

Miss Annie Martin was an arrival from California yesterday.

Clarence Painter, the photographer, is confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia.

Reserve your seats for the "Black Flag" on Friday night. Seats are selling for 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Pork and bean lunch at Thyse's today. Oyster cocktails on the side and Upson tamales from noon to midnight.

Philip Russak and family, after many years residence in Reno, will depart for San Francisco, where they will reside.

The Reno Dramatic Club will give a splendid entertainment on Friday night, and they should receive a liberal patronage.

Regent Deal was a passenger for Virginia from the west yesterday morning and returned here last evening and remained over.

The local sleeper will make its last trip to-night for the winter. Travel on the night train does not warrant its continuance.

The proposition to incorporate the town of Truckee was defeated at a late special election, the vote standing 44 in favor of and 145 against.

Judge Conlan issued seven warrants in San Francisco, on Tuesday, for the arrest of tobacco dealers for having slot machines on their counters.

Take your family to the play of the "Black Flag" on Friday night. It will be a treat and the popular prices will afford an evening's pleasure at little cost.

The A. O. U. W. Lodge at its meeting on Tuesday evening admitted nineteen new members. This beneficial and insurance order is becoming very popular.

General Powning returned from California yesterday morning. He expects to leave for San Francisco next week and will probably spend the winter in that city.

Henry Riter's noonday lunches are always superior and appetizing. All of the novelties known to the trade in hot and fancy drinks can be obtained. Timmies every evening.

Herman Ash, after many years' residence in Reno, will leave for San Francisco on Saturday evening. His family will accompany him. They will probably reside in the city.

Block & Clausen's Washoe Lunch Counter is the most popular eating stand in town. Their table is served with all of the delicacies the market affords and their prices are within the reach of all.

The Chosen Friends Lodge held one of its pleasant social meetings last evening. This order combines pleasure with duty and its lodge sessions are always attractive and interesting. It is one of the most progressive orders in Reno.

One of the Berkeley freshman football team received a blow on the head early in the game at Reno, Nev., last Saturday, and thereafter played on until the end effectively and gamely, but with no consciousness of what was going on about him.—*Bulletin*.

The Nevada Hardware Company has a fine display of lamps in their show window. In addition to their assortment of crockery, glass and queenware is immense. If a Christmas present is to be selected there is no better place to go.

Mrs. George De La Matyr, who has been visiting friends in Reno, the past three months, departed Thursday night, for Fremont, Neb., or an extended visit to her son. Mrs. De La Matyr will visit in New York, Wisconsin and other eastern points before returning.

Hon. J. M. Sanford, one of the solid citizens of Churchill county, and his son-in-law, Mr. Harmon, returned from Carson last night, where they were attending to land matters. They report Churchill as prosperous in consequence of the advance in beef, grain and wool.

S. Jacobs is prepared for the holiday trade. He has marked his goods down so that most any purchaser can find something, and the variety of men's and boys' wear to select from is complete. He has many things that are useful and appropriate for Christmas presents.

Dan Boyd's books showed yesterday afternoon that as many taxpayers had paid their taxes within four, as on the corresponding date of last year, but the aggregate amount is not nearly so large, the payments having been all small. Next Monday is the last day of grace and all should govern themselves accordingly.

The Western Union Company will not bring out the President's message this year as arrangements have been made by the Administration direct with the Press Associations. This is another illustration of the power of the trusts over the Administration. Even the official message of the President cannot be given to the people through the customary channels, but is handed over to the Press Trust to be distributed to its subscribers first and the rest of the people can wait. In place of McKinley being the servant of the people he is rapidly assuming the position of a dictator.

**Funeral Notice.**  
The funeral of the late W. J. Hollingsworth will take place from the family residence on the corner of Chestnut and Fifth streets on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**FOOLED 'EM.**  
Married to keep the office in the family.

At Omaha, Nebraska, Prof. Laughlin, who has been principal of the high school and Miss Alice Thomason, who had been his assistant, were married this week. He was a Republican and she of the Populist faith.

This fall Prof. Laughlin became a candidate for superintendent of public instruction in Burt county. The Populists induced Miss Thomason to accept their nomination. They thought it would be a good joke to defeat Laughlin with the young lady. They now admit that they believe after all the young lady still contributed much to induce them to select her, though they did not realize it at the time.

The campaign became quite animated. Miss Thomason made some speeches in opposition to Laughlin and the fight was spirited. A rumor was circulated that Miss Thomason and Prof. Laughlin had put up a job on the Republicans and Populists, and that no matter which one was elected they would keep the position in the family by immediately marrying as soon as the election was over. The Populists were furious and went to Miss Thomason, who denied the story. On the eve of election, when it was too late for the Populists to recover from the trick and select a new candidate, Miss Thomason withdrew from the race. As her husband to be had no opposition he was elected. The next day cards announcing their approaching marriage were sent out. Both now admit that they intended to be married all the time, but thought all was fair in politics, and took this method of being sure of the position they coveted, and the story is that Miss Thomason withdrew from the race in consideration that Laughlin should marry her if he was elected.—*Ex.*

## Grand Jury Report.

To Hon. A. E. Cheney, Judge of Second Judicial District, and for Washoe County:—The Grand Jury beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined into five cases and have found a true bill against Wm. Hammermith for burglary, also a true bill against Peter M. Baum for obtruding money under false pretenses.

In the matter of the alleged assault to kill which occurred at Olinghouse Canyon in this country about October 20, 1897, we have examined a number of witnesses and endeavored to get all the evidence possible. There being no witnesses to the shooting except the principals, McClaud and Williams, and their testimony being exactly contrary to each other the jury finally, after discussion, ignored the charge against both parties.

In the matter of the charge against Geo. Nelson for illegal voting, the charge was ignored after all of the testimony in the case had been presented.

This completes all business to which the attention of the jury was called and the jury now awaits the further pleasure of the Court.

W. O. H. MARTIN, Foreman.  
F. MCRAE, Secretary.

## Death of W. J. Hollingsworth.

W. J. Hollingsworth, a well known resident of Reno, died at an early hour yesterday morning. Mr. Hollingsworth has been ill for some weeks suffering from kidney and bladder complications, but his condition was not considered serious until a few days ago when a change occurred for the worse and he failed very rapidly.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a quiet, hard working man and a good citizen, and had many friends in Western Nevada who will be pained to hear of his death. He leaves a wife and family, with whom the community will deeply sympathize in this hour of bereavement.

The funeral will take place from the family residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## Miss Yoshi Yamaguchi at Yale.

An innovation in the co-ed department of Yale has just appeared. Miss Yoshi Yamaguchi and her brother, Lei Ichi Yamaguchi, have come from Kyoto to Yale to complete their education.

Both have studied at Doshisha University, one of the leading schools of Japan.

Miss Yoshi intends to make a specialty of English and music. The first appearance of the little Japanese woman almost created a panic among the under graduates, who dodged around the corners to get a glimpse of the latest advent of the new woman. She wears native costume, which the students describe as like a pair of black pajamas.

## Will Play at Wadsworth.

Mr. O'Sullivan of the University Minstrels visited Wadsworth and perfected all arrangements for the appearance of the students there next Saturday evening.

A street parade will be one of the features of the day and the Wadsworth people may be assured of witnessing a musical performance equal to that given by many of the star attractions on the road.

Wadsworth should encourage the boys by giving them a rousing house and in return the students will give a splendid entertainment.

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Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

## BREVITIES.

Skates and sleds at Lange & Schmitt. Window glass cut all sizes at Lange & Schmitt's.

The finest porter and 'alf and 'alf at the Wieland Brewery.

Leave your orders for window glass with the Porteous Decorative Co. 11-31f

Crockery, glassware, tinware and agateware lower than ever at Lang & Schmitt's.

Pearl gloss tooth powder is absolutely harmless. Sold by Reno Drug Company.

Pictures framed in the latest styles at the Porteous Decorative Company, Virginia street.

Holidays are approaching. Many articles needed can be bought very cheap at Emrich's.

'Alf and 'alf or porter on draught at Parry Brothers' Wieland Saloon, also hot tamales every night.

The reduction sale at Emrich's on account of temporary removal is still going on and purchasers will do well.

The best floor and house paints in town are those mixed to order by the Porteous Decorative Co., Eureka Block.

The largest assortment of artists material in town at the Porteous Decorative Co.'s store on Virginia street.

The lunches at the Granite Saloon cannot be excelled and the beer is served ice cold. A choice stock of wines by the bottle or gallon.

Sauer & Grob of the Truckee Market have made extensive improvements in their market and are prepared to serve their customers with the best meats obtainable.

The Granite Saloon is a quiet and pleasant place of resort. Cool beer is a specialty. Choice wines are sold by the gallon or in quantities desired; also liquors of all kinds.

Miss Gibbs will hold a grand holiday opening commencing on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her store on Virginia street, to continue for several days. There will be an elegant display of fancy goods, needle work and other pretty articles suitable for holiday presents.

I have just received a complete and well selected stock of gents' furnishing goods, underwear, overshirts, socks, suspenders, handkerchiefs, ties, etc., which I guarantee to be equal if not better than any in the town, which I will sell at prices that defy competition.

My stock of domestic and imported cigar and tobacco is complete in every particular, comprising such brands as the Nerve, Carl Dunder and Royal in the 5-cent goods, and El Belmont, Sancho, Bay, De Vallen, Internation, Hotel Brunswick, General Arthur and many others in the imported goods. Call and be satisfied.

Free employment office in connection with the store.

A. N. Nelson.

## Removal sale.

Mr. R. E. Queen having become the owner of the Chambers building occupied by me as a dry goods store, has concluded to make important changes in the building which necessitates my moving temporarily to some other place.

Preparatory to moving I must reduce my stock of dry goods and will therefore sell at a great reduction my entire stock consisting of Dry Goods of all qualities in latest styles, Ladies and Children's Jackets, Capes in cloth and plush, Blankets, Flannels, Ladies' cloth, Lace Curtains, Bedspreads, Ladies and Children's underwear and hundreds of articles of fancy goods.

The reduction is sweeping and customers will be saving on all purchases.

S. EMERSON.

Next door to Nevada Bank.

## The Viavi Work.

In no way can we do more good than in restoring the sick to health.

This Viavi will do, if intelligently used.

Have you stomach trouble? Use our Tabloids.

Have you piles? Use our Sano.

Have you catarrh? Use our Catarrh Remedy.

Are you weak and all run down? Use Viavi.

Come and see me and I will fully explain the use of all our remedies.

Mrs. B. E. HUNTER.

Fourth street.

## District Court.

The principal business in the District Court yesterday was receiving the report of the Grand Jury, which will be found in this issue.

The defendant, Hammett and Baum, against whom indictments were

found will be arraigned this morning

and the date of their trials set and the amount of bail in each case determined.

Universal cook and heating stoves

and cheaper grades sold at cost to re-

duce taxes at Lange & Schmitt's.

## KNEW EVERYTHING.

A WONDERFUL OLD MAN WHO PUZZLED HIS TRAVELING COMPANIES.

He Was Posted Thoroughly on All Subjects From the Largest to the Smallest. He Puzzled All the Experts in Discussions of Their Several Specialties.

A wonderful old man who appears to be the very fountain of knowledge has been traveling regularly between Buffalo and New York and New York and Buffalo.

When the train left Buffalo for New York the other day, one of four men in a smoking compartment said, "Have a Mexican cigarette?" and passed the package around. "Notice," he added, "the Mexicans have cigarette pictures, too, and instead of airy fairies of the stage they rejoice in the likenesses of bishops and saints."

The wonderful old man here manifested himself by saying Mexican cigarette packages also contained pictures of actresses and bullfighters, and when one of the passengers told about having read a book which claimed the ancient Mexicans were the ten lost tribes he did not reply until he had named the most famous matadores and Spanish footlight favorites. Then he said: "The ten lost tribes, as well as Judah and Benjamin, were swallowed up in the surrounding people. The modern Jew is not a Jew at all, according to the latest research. During the latter Roman empire the converts to Judaism, or early Christianity, became a clan, owing to persecution, assumed a type from intermarriage, and their descendants call themselves Jews."

"A friend of mine," said the man who smoked the Mexican cigarettes, "told me he saw in Sonora Indians with blue eyes and yellow hair!"

"Quite right," said the old man. "They are Scotch Indians."

He then explained that 150 years ago a great hunting and mine prospecting party of Scotchmen passed many years in Sonora and took unto themselves Indian wives; hence the Scotch Indians.

In the conversation about Mexico the mysterious man illustrated his discourse with words and sentences from the Aztec, Maya and Apache tongues.

The conversation turning to the subject of languages the old man amused his fellow travelers with examples of Volapuk. With reference to English he declared that, oddly enough, New York English is less like modern Greek resembles the classic language. The purest English spoken today—that is, English that Shakespeare would understand—he declared, is among the peasants of Ireland. What we call the Irish brogue is the nearest to the way Shakespeare pronounced English.

On scientific, mechanical, historical and religious subjects the old man was a wonder. A physician talked with him and said he had a medical training, a railway man insisted that he was an officer of a railway, a lawyer declared he was a great lawyer or perhaps a judge, and, to the confusion of these theories, the learned traveler was equally at home in describing the Klondike region and telling about Egyptian, Babylonian and Assyrian tablets.

The identity of the mysterious man

of learning became a topic in the Pullman. There was no name on his baggage. Preparatory to offering bets on the old man's business or profession a drummer talked to him about the state of trade. The drummer then offered to bet he was the president of some big corporation, but the way he recited the family tree of Prince Henri of Orleans baffled the travelers. An electrical engineer was persuaded to drop in and talk and told the now extremely curious passengers, "He knows more about electricity than I do."

Indeed, here was a man who seemed informed on every conceivable subject from ancient history to the latest news of the stage, who discoursed on art with refinement and knew all about famous murder cases and the profit in shoes. A remarkable knowledge of every way gold has been found seemed to give it tip, but when he displayed absolute mastery of aeronautics the puzzled passengers gave it up.

"We have been extremely entertained by your wonderful knowledge," said the drummer boldly as the train neared New York. "Would you mind telling us what university you are the president of?"

The learned man smiled as he replied, "I have never been inside a university in my life."

"Then you are a distinguished savant or perhaps a doctor of divinity. I have never met a greater student!"

"Never studied in my life

